

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of
Krister HANSSON et al.
Serial No.: 09/718,380
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Group Art Unit: 2125
Examiner: S. Garland

For: PROCESS FOR ACHIEVING DECOR ON SURFACE ELEMENTS

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed June 22, 2005, and notwithstanding the propriety of relying upon the declaration of a patent attorney to establish conception and diligence under 37 CFR § 1.131, Applicants hereby provide a Declaration of Inventors under 37 CFR § 1.131 as an attachment hereto.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action of February 22, 2005, the Examiner noted that the previously filed Declaration was insufficient to overcome any rejection relying on Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,671,009), because the Declaration was (1) not executed by all of the inventors, nor (2) explain what it is being relied upon to show.

Thus, the Declaration of Inventors under 37 CFR § 1.131 being submitted herewith is executed by all inventors and explains that it is being submitted in order to antedate Chen et al.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-21, 27-29 and 31 under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Mckee (U.S. Patent No. 5,568,931) in view of Chen et al. is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT - Declaration of Inventors Under 37 CFR § 1.131